

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	01/07/15
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	01/20/15
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval for the expenditure of funds to host the 2015 Transition Age Youth Conference on Mental Health, to be held on May 18, 2015, at The California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	The Transition Age Youth (TAY) conference will highlight the most current treatment intervention strategies implemented through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plans. Additionally, the conference will present information on other successful strategies for leveraging non-mental health branded services and supports that are critical to TAY consumers' focus on hope, wellness, recovery, and self-sufficiency.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	None
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	The estimated cost of the conference is \$30,000, of which approximately \$5,000 is anticipated to be offset by registration fees paid by participants. The total cost of the conference excludes food for County employees as each is responsible for his or her own meal. The remaining estimated cost is fully funded by State MHSA revenue. The precise amount will be determined by the actual number of attendees, which is expected to range up to 300 people. The budget for the conference includes: \$12,750 for supplies and other miscellaneous costs; \$15,750 for keynote speakers, workshop speakers, and panelists, inclusive of all travel and accommodations; and \$1,500 for food and beverage services for a total funding of \$30,000. Funding is included in DMH's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Adopted Budget. There is no net County cost impact associated with these actions.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to host the TAY Conference on May 18, 2015, at the Endowment. This conference is mainly to improve treatment outcomes, explore best practices, and improve integration with community-based organizations serving TAY.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	The 2015 TAY Conference will build upon the work of the previous two TAY conferences that were conducted in May 2011 and May 2013, to identify the evolving needs of TAY and to ensure that consumers, providers, and constituents are kept informed and updated regarding current and best practices for serving the TAY population. A significant investment in the training of staff and community partners across the entire service delivery spectrum is required to ensure the success of the MHSA Plans. These Plans represent a systemic change in the manner in which mental health services and supports are being delivered in Los Angeles County; as well as a primary focus on hope, wellness, and self-sufficiency for impacted youth and young adult consumers. The TAY Conference will provide a much needed opportunity for consumers and stakeholders to gather, gain skills and competencies, and share their wisdom and expertise, as it pertains to serving the Serious Emotional Disturbance and Severe and Persistent Mental Illness youth and young adult population.
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